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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Anand Narasimhan, et al

Serial No.: 09/097,307

Filed: June 12, 1998

For: **SCALABLE ARCHITECTURE FOR  
TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES  
OVER A NETWORK**

Examiner: Joe Logsdon

Art Group: 2662

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box CPA  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows prior to examination of  
a Continuing Prosecution Application filed concurrently herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-14 and add the following:

15. (New) A system for supporting a message delivery service, comprising:

a plurality of outbound resources;

a database server containing account information on customers of the message

delivery service; and

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Costs